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In re Patent Application of:
Tomoaki Aihara

Application No.: 09/832,666

Group Art Unit: 2829

Filed: April 11, 2001

Examiner: Jimmy Nguyen

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
INSPECTING SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE

RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	29	- 29* =		x	0.00
Independent	4	- 4** =		x	0.00
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TOTAL					0.00

*not less than 20

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AMENDMENTS

There are no amendments to the specification or claims.